IN THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION UNDER THE PATENT COOPERATION TREATY (PCT) IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Agouron Pharmaceuticals, Inc., et al.

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For:

Non-Peptide GnRH Agents, Methods and Intermediates For Their Preparation

AMENDMENT UNDER PCT ARTICLE 19(1)

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Sir:

In response to the International Search Report transmitted August 21, 2000, Applicants submit an Amendment under Article 19(1).

STATEMENT UNDER ARTICLE 19(1)

Replacement sheets with amended claims 9 and 10, and new claims 11 and 12 (pages 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441 and 442) are provided herewith. Please note that claims 6-8 and the abstract remain unchanged. Claims 9 and 10 have been amended to clarify that at least one of R³, R⁴, R⁵, R⁶, and R⁷ is other than hydrogen. This clarification more clearly distinguishes the claimed subject matter over the references cited in the International Search Report. Claims 9 and 10 have also been amended to clarify that they also cover pharmaceutically acceptable salts, multimers, prodrugs, and active metabolites of the compound. Claims 11 and 12 have been added. Claims 11 and 12 are parallel to claims 7 and 8, but define the compound as in original claim 9. It is submitted that the claims as

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amended herein do not extend beyond the disclosure of the international application as originally filed.

An Amendment under Article 19 must be filed within 2 months from the date of transmittal of the international search report or 16 months from the priority date, whichever time limit expires later. Applicants submit that this amendment is timely, being due on or before October 21, 2000 (the later of the two time limits), and that no fee is due. However, in the event any extensions of time or additional fees are required to prevent withdrawal of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby requested and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0622.

Respectfully submitted,

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